

HANCOCK

MANY PIONEERS SUCCEMBED DURING THE PAST YEAR

Well Known and Prominent Citizens of Long Residence in Hancock Among Those Who Passed Away During the Year.

There have passed away during the year 1909, up to the present time, a total of 122 residents of the city of Hancock, including a number from outside places whose deaths have occurred at the hospital in this city. This number is somewhat less than the total of last year, when 141 deaths were recorded. January had 7 deaths; February, 6; March, 8; April, 15; May, 11; June, 8; July 11; August, 11; September, 19; October, 12; November, 9; December, to date, 9.

Included in the number who have answered the last call are many who have been residents of Hancock for long periods of years, some being among the earliest residents of the copper country, while others occupied prominent places in the commercial, social and political activities of the community.

In January John Griff passed away, and shortly afterwards, Captain Joseph Snell, one of the best known mining men of the peninsula, was called to his reward. In February Mrs. Philomena Gagnon died and in April, among the pioneers who succumbed were Joseph Kerredge, Camille Beauchamp and Mrs. Louis Schilling. May was remarkable for the number of early residents who were called away, among them being Patrick Conway, James S. Stringer, Michael Kelly, Isaac Truscott, Mrs. Eneline Richards and Mrs. Josephine Dohn, the latter being a resident of Copper Harbor, whose death occurred at the hospital. James H. Pearce expired in July and in August, August Sanschargin departed. In September Thomas C. Payn and Mrs. Amelia Tourville; in October, Joseph Chartrand and Franz M. Schubert; November, John C. Flynn, Mrs. Malvina Visina, Oliver Sylvestre and Patrick Lynch; and in December Stephen Ney and Mrs. Dennis Toomey.

All these were among the older residents. Besides these there were others equally well known and whose loss was as deeply mourned by the community. Among them were Edward Ruppe, Miss Christine Looney, Mrs. H. L. McChesney, John H. Greuter, Nicholas Fitzsimmons, William C. O'Leary, Henry Hatton, Patrick Cashen, Mrs. Elizabeth Hamill, Joseph C. Brady, Mrs. Richard Hosking, Mrs. Bridget Heffernan and Miss Agnes Dwyer.

A number of fatalities through accidents of various kinds occur in the record, including: Joseph Polerin, killed in a railroad mishap; Victor Mulgren, mine accident; Ernest Clemo, drowned; August Gustavson, shot; unknown from Canada, drowned; William Hoar, mine accident; Selma Rappana, run over by train; Felix Paquette, railroad accident; Joseph Brady, accident; Matt Kukkola, accident; Mr. Anton Dionne and 3 children and Annie Racine, victims of Ripley fire; Rene Sukkonen, shot; P. Sulonen, suicide, Franklin.

A large number of former residents and people who resided formerly in neighboring townships went to their reward during the year. They include James Moore and his daughter, Mrs. S. G. Main, in California; Martin Carrigan in California; Jerry Nagle, Montana; William Paul, Proctor, Minn.; Mrs. Sarah Hodge, Rhode Island mine; J. S. Sturtevant, Wisconsin; Dewitt Emery, Saginaw; Mrs. Johanna Driscoll; Joseph Vivian, Ripley; Michael Crowley, Ripley; Peter Wendell, Franklin; Jerry O'Brien, Montana; Miss Anna Ryan, Chicago; John MacLoney, Munising; C. A. Stringer, Detroit; William Shepherd, Oregon; William Bennett, Montana; Ernest Hawes, Arizona; C. D. Lawton, lower Michigan; J. E. Butler, Arizona; Harry Richardson, Arizona; Thomas Taylor, Quincy; Mrs. Wm. White, Franklin; Mrs. Reuben Richards; Mrs. A. S. Hamilton, Duluth; James Milford, Quincy; Mrs. O. Christianson, Bernard Owens, Ripley; Mrs. Martin Ristola, Quincy; Mrs. Jos. Pantera, Franklin; Tom McMahon, Franklin; P. McGrath, Franklin and Paul Asche, Milwaukee.

"A MISTAKE," SAYS A. J.

Former Mayor Says Soo Has Not Only Paid Department.

A statement that the new paid fire department of the Soo is the first one to be organized in the upper peninsula is disputed by Former Mayor A. J. Scott of Hancock. "When the Upper Peninsula Firemen's association was formed in 1894," said Mr. Scott, "there were three towns in the upper peninsula which were not eligible for membership, the reason being that they had paid fire departments. These towns were Menominee, Escanaba and Iron Mountain. The Association was for volunteer companies only and took in such places as Baraga, Ontonagon, Atlantic, Lake Linden and other small towns besides several of the larger ones, such as Hancock, Houghton, Marquette, Calumet and Bessemer which had first-class volunteer fire departments."

Miss Flora McDonald of Kincardine, Canada, is visiting her brother, Mr. R. Corbett, proprietor of the Fair store.

A special train will be run Thursday evening by the Copper Range railroad for Portage Lake people desiring to attend the charity ball of the Houghton County Anti-Tuberculosis society at the Calumet armory. An extra car will be attached to the regular train and returning there will be a special train leaving Calumet at 1:30 a. m. A large number of tickets have been sold here for the dance.

THREE CHURCHES WILL BE FIFTY YEARS OLD IN 1911

Hancock Congregational, Methodist and Catholic Congregations Are Now Nearing Half Century Mark of Their Existence.

The Hancock Congregational church, which will this evening hold its forty-eighth annual meeting, will not be the only Hancock church that will have attained its fiftieth milestone two years hence, in 1911. The Hancock Methodist church and the St. Patrick's parish will be fifty years old in the same year.

The initial steps for the erection of the first Methodist church in this city were commenced in the winter of 1860, under the direction of Presiding Elder Robert Bird. Twelve persons constituted the membership. The lots at the corner of Hancock and Ravine streets were donated by the Quincy Mining company, and the cornerstone laid July 7, 1861. Rev. F. A. Blades of Ann Arbor delivering the address. This building is still standing and is now used by the Tillman Furniture store. The building committee was composed of H. H. Hazleton, Bradford Barlow, Joseph Carter, James L. Johns and Thomas R. Wills. The church was moved from its original site in 1881 to make room for a parsonage, and many interesting documents were found in the cornerstone at that time. The present church was begun in 1902, during the pastorate of Rev. A. R. Johns, and cost about \$32,000, of which all but about four thousand has been paid off. The dedication took place in November, 1903, with an address by Dr. Robert Forbes, D. D., of Philadelphia, and Robert Powell, of Philadelphia, who took charge of the financial end of the occasion. The pastors who have served were: Robert Bird, John A. Boughsman, Oliver Perrin, John M. Gordon, S. W. Ladue, Joseph Fraser, C. W. Austin, C. L. Church, Thomas Wilkinson, Edward Barry, Joseph Ashford, T. G. Omans, D. B. Miller, J. M. Van-Every, A. R. Bartlett, George W. Hudson, Mr. Halliday, Isaac Wilcox, George A. Walker, Samuel Gilchrist, A. R. Johns, W. J. Balmer and W. E. Marvin.

The St. Patrick's church is the successor of the old St. Ann's church, which stood upon the corner where the residence of Rev. T. J. Atfield is now located. The old church was erected in 1861 by Rev. Father Jacker, who organized the congregation in that year and remained the pastor until 1866, since which time the church has had for its pastors, Revs. Edmund Walsh, James Sweeney, William Dwyer, Frederick Elms, now bishop, Edward Jacker again. Rev. Edward Jacker's second incumbency began in 1882, following the departure of Rev. Elms. Assisting Fr. Jacker first was Rev. T. J. Atfield, from May 14, 1880, to February 7, 1882; then Rev. Martin Kehoe, who died a year ago at St. Joseph's hospital, of which he was chaplain, and Rev. William Dwyer, a former pastor, who is now chaplain at St. Mary's hospital in Tacoma, Wash. After Fr. Jacker came Rev. Charles Langner from July 20, 1884, to September 27, 1885; Rev. Joseph Barron, July 9, 1885, to October 25, 1885; Rev. J. Otis, Dec. 10, 1885, to September 20, 1888; Rev. T. J. Atfield began October 1, 1888.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. Otis that the present St. Patrick's church was erected, a little to the east of the site of the old St. Ann's church. It was built in 1886, so that its quarter century will coincide with the fiftieth anniversary of the parish. An interesting feature in connection with the St. Patrick's church is the fact that the cornerstone was brought from Ireland by members of the church who desired to have a bit of Ireland incorporated in the walls of the edifice.

A brief historical account of the organization of the Congregational church was given in connection with the mention of tonight's annual meeting, published in The News yesterday.

THE PEWABIC'S CARGO.

Bill of Lading of Ill-Fated Ship in Hancock Man's Possession.

The bill of lading of the ill-fated steamer Pewabic, which was lost on Wednesday, August 9, 1885, through a collision with the steamer Meteor in Lake Huron, is in the possession of Charles Chidsey of Hancock and is of especial interest because of the discovery of the wreck last fall. Preparations have been made for saving the cargo of copper and other valuables on board the Pewabic, and the salvage work is to be started by divers as early as possible in the spring. The bill of lading is dated Houghton, August 7, 1885, and contains the following list of copper shipments made, as follows: Pewabic Mining Co., 43 barrels, Nos. 677 to 719, 3,827 ingots; gross, 56,115 pounds; tare, 2,515; net, 53,600.

Franklin Mining Co., 21 barrels, 577 to 609, 1,960 ingots; gross, 32,727; tare, 1,527; net, 31,200.

Quincy Mining Co., 27 barrels, 603 to 628, 3,267 ingots; gross, 43,468; tare, 2,068; net, 41,400.

Hancock Mining Co., 7 barrels, 19 to 25, 629 ingots; gross, 9,549; tare, 449; net, 9,100.

Total, 98 barrels; total number of ingots, 9,752; gross total, 142,859 pounds; tare, 6,559.

To the above was added 48 cakes of copper from Isle Royale, weighing 7,387, bringing the total net weight to 143,687, and a shipment from the Quincy Mining company of mass copper and barrels, 602,773.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the A. O. H., is arranging for the installation of the new officers on January 9. The ceremonies will take place in the new A. O. H. hall, and it is expected that the county president of the auxiliary will be present.

ANNIVERSARY OF METHODISM WILL NOT BE OBSERVED HERE

No Preparations Made By Local Methodist Church for Observing 125th Anniversary of Founding of Methodism in America.

The attention of local Methodist pastors has been called to a despatch sent out from Baltimore announcing that in accordance with a request issued by Bishop McDowell the Methodist churches throughout the country would observe the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Methodist church in America on December 30 and 31. No official notice of the movement has been received by the pastor of the Hancock Methodist church and therefore there will be no services on the dates mentioned. The Baltimore despatch is as follows:

Methodist churches all over country are arranging to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist church in America on Dec. 30 and 31. The observance is being fostered by the American Methodist Historic society, an organization representing the general church both north and south.

A message is now being prepared by Bishop McDowell to the Methodist ministers of the country, asking that the observance be held in connection with the watch night services on New Year's eve. He greatly favors the night watch service, and requests that it be revived in all churches where the custom has been dropped.

The celebration of the anniversary will focus in Baltimore, where a great public meeting will be held in the First church on Dec. 30. The First church is a lineal descendant of the Lovely Lane Meeting house, the first Methodist church in this country. Representatives from churches in all parts of the United States are expected to be present at this meeting to discuss the achievements and obligations of this religious denomination.

Proclamation Sent Out. John F. Goucher, chairman of the committee appointed to arrange for the national celebration, has issued the following proclamation to the Methodists of America:

"I. Invite all historical societies, all preachers' meetings, and all social unions of every branch of American Methodism to arrange for similar union meetings, at such centers as may be most convenient to celebrate the completion by American Methodism of the eighth of a millennium of organized activity.

"2. We most earnestly request every pastor in every branch of American Methodism to preach, or cause to be preached, a sermon, or to deliver, or cause to be delivered, an address to his people, as near Christmas, 1909, as may be practicable—preferably the Sunday before or the second Sunday after—in which shall be discussed some appropriate theme, such as the spirit, the achievements, or the obligations of American Methodism.

"3. We most urgently request that in harmony with the universal custom of early Methodism, every Methodist congregation shall be brought together at 10 o'clock p. m., Dec. 31, for a 'watchnight meeting' which shall be made a season of special prayer and personal consecration to God as a fitting preparation for the deeper spiritual life and the more earnest work to which the Great Head of the church is calling his followers."

All Urged to Take Part. There are 5,750,000 communicants in the various branches of Methodism in America, the proclamation asserts, and it urges all of these to take some notice of the significance of the anniversary.

Bishop McDowell said that the event was one of great importance to the Methodist church.

"The plans are not in any definite form, and the details will be left largely to the individual pastors," he said. "I am anxious to see the watch night services of New Year's eve held in every Methodist church this year. This is an old custom, but it is not being observed in many of the churches. I am preparing a letter to the pastors asking them to hold this service, and I will also urge that the anniversary be made the main feature. If any pastor is unable to do this he will be asked to hold the anniversary service as soon after this time as he can."

COURT RENE MESNARD.

French Court of Foresters Holds Election of Officers.

Court Rene Mesnard, Foresters of America, held an election of officers on Monday evening last and chose the following to serve for the ensuing year: Chief ranger, S. Toutant, S. C. R., O. Racine, Financial secretary, P. J. Verville, Treasurer, D. Bourgeois, Treasurer, Napoleon Roy, Senior woodward, Charles Normand, Junior woodward, Arthur Barritt, Senior beadle, Napoleon Martin, Junior beadle, Alfred Barritt, Medical examiner, Dr. J. E. Seaton, Lecturer, Jean Roy.

The new officers will be installed on the first Monday evening in January, with P. C. Audet, deputy grand chief ranger, in charge of the ceremonies.

W. Frank James has sold to L. H. Fritz a six-room house and lot 12, block 6, Anthony's second addition. Quincy lodge, F. & A. M. held a special meeting last evening to confer work in the first degree.

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KNIGHTS ARE WHITEWASHED BY THE MILITIA BOYS

Knights of Columbus Shut Out by the Light Infantry Nine by Score of 12 to 0—A. O. H. Beat the Reserves.

When it was decided to change the order of last night's indoor baseball games in Germania hall and place that between the Knights of Columbus and Light Infantry first, the action was taken because it was believed that it would be the faster and closer game of the two scheduled for the evening. The game between the Hibernians and the Naval Reserves, which came second, was a closer one than the first, but hardly more exciting, victory being altogether too easy for the boys in green.

The match between the Knights and the soldiers resulted in a score of 12 to 0, the Knights being unable to land on Barnes' curves, finding him only three times in the course of the game, while Maier, pitching for the K. of C., was touched for 19 hits. Hancock advanced only one man as far as second base, Delaney gaining that distinction on a passed ball. The summary and score by innings are as follows:

Score by Innings: R. H. Light Infantry ... 2 1 1 3 1 2 2 19 K. C.'s ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 Batteries: Barnes and C. Anderson; Maier and Funkey.

Bases off Barnes, 3; off Maier, 3. Strikeouts, Barnes, 17; Maier, 9. Double plays, J. Gilbert to A. Anderson.

Two base hits, Barnes, Martin and G. Gilbert. Umpires, Shields and Bakkin. The Hibernians took their old place at the head of the league by easily defeating the Naval Reserves by the score of 10 to 6. The Reserves found Carney for ten hits, according to the score book, but the Hibernian pitcher did not exert himself to prevent their hitting. The score and summary follow:

Score by Innings: R. H. A. O. H. ... 3 4 0 0 1 2 0—18 Reserves ... 1 0 0 0 2 0 3—6 Batteries: Carney and Lee; J. Erickson and Jarvey. Hits off Carney, 10; off Erickson, 18. Two base hits, John Scanlon, 2; Kelly, 1; Erickson, 1. Strikeouts, Carney, 10; Erickson, 2. The standings of the teams now are:

W. L. Pct. A. O. H. ... 8 1 .889 Elks ... 7 1 .875 H. L. I. ... 6 3 .666 K. C. ... 5 4 .555 C. O. F. ... 3 7 .375 Eagles ... 1 7 .125 Reserves ... 0 9 .000

BACK FROM WEST.

Thomas Coughlin Returns From Inspection of Farming Lands.

Thomas Coughlin of this city, a member of the real estate and insurance firm of Finley & Coughlin, arrived home last evening from a three weeks' western trip, extending as far as the Pacific coast. Mr. Coughlin's trip was for the purpose of examining some farming lands located in various western states, in which the firm was interested and he reports finding everything most satisfactory. He had expected to be back by Christmas day, but all trains in the west were delayed by storms and he spent Christmas at Colorado Springs, where he visited with friends.

BARBERS ELECT OFFICERS.

The Barbers' union last evening elected officers for the year as follows:

President, Joseph Wareham. Vice president, Leo Ebertski. Corresponding secretary, Charles Heide. Recording secretary, D. Rochon. Treasurer, James Gardiner. The meeting last evening was held in the Rouleau hall where the meetings will be held regularly hereafter, instead of in one of the local barber shops.

NEW YEAR SERVICES.

Services will be held on Saturday morning in St. Joseph's church at the usual Sunday hours, 8 and 10 a. m. There will also be services on New Year's day by Rev. J. K. Nikander of the Finnish College at Kura, near Hurontown, and on Sunday at 2 o'clock at Winona. The Finnish North Star Temperance society will hold an entertainment in their hall on Friday night, New Year's eve, at which a program of music and games and other features will be given.

GLEE CLUBS ON SPECIAL.

Michigan Societies Miss Connections And Arrive Here This Afternoon. The musical clubs of the University of Michigan missed connections at Menominee and did not arrive on the regular Northwestern train this morning. Word was received that they would come on a special train reaching here between 1 and 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The greatest interest is taken in the concert to be given this evening at the Kerredge theater by the glee and mandolin and banjo clubs of the University of Michigan. All of the alumni of Michigan living in the copper country are on the qui vive of expectancy and the visiting musicians will be cordially welcomed. The program to be given this evening will be an excellent one, and will include famous college songs of Michigan, including the well known football song, "The Victors." The advance seat sale at the Kerredge hardware store has been large and this being the only appearance of the aggregation in the copper country, it is probable that the house will be filled to its capacity.

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FINNISH SINGER COMING.

Announcement is made that arrangements are being made for the appearance in Hancock some time during the coming winter of John Kostelo, a well known Finnish singer, who will make a tour of this country soon. Kostelo is a tenor of considerable note in Finland and it is expected that he will be greeted by a large turnout of his compatriots on his appearance in this city. The date of the concert in which he will appear has not yet been announced.

HANCOCK BREVITIES.

There will be a meeting of the Hancock lodge of Knights of Pythias on Friday evening, at which there will be routine business transacted. The installation of officers will be held on January 7, and will be of a public nature. The various lodges of the order and of the Pythian Sisters will be extended an invitation to be present. Walter Jaehning of Lansing is visiting his father, Arno Jaehning, and calling on Hancock friends. The altar boys' choir of the St. Joseph's church enjoyed a sleigh ride yesterday to Lake Linden as a treat given by the pastor, Rev. P. Glaser. The girls of St. Joseph's school will be given a similar treat tomorrow. On account of the Maennchorer entertainment in Germania hall on Friday evening the scheduled indoor baseball games will be postponed. It was thought probable that the games might be played on Thursday night, but some of the Elks players would be unable to be present owing to the smoker in the Elks temple that evening.

PLANS SOCIAL SESSION.

At the regular meeting of the Lake Linden lodge, National Protective Legion, held last evening, the members decided to give a social session on Jan. 11, after the regular order of business. The president appointed a committee of two to make arrangements for a suitable program which will include dancing.

TORCH LAKE BREVITIES.

A large number from the Torch Lake towns will go to Hancock this evening to attend the U. of M. glee club concert at the Kerredge theater. A special street car has been chartered for the use of the local people after the entertainment. George Lamotte, who is here from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a few days, expects to return to the above city next week. George Collingwood of Escanaba was a business visitor in town yesterday afternoon. Miss Gladys Milford of Allouez is spending a few days here as the guest of relatives.

WILL REPEAT CANTATA.

The Christmas entertainment and cantata entitled "The Real Santa Claus" rendered at the Tamarack Mills schoolhouse, and under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school of that place last week, will be repeated tomorrow evening. The success of the last entertainment caused a number who were unable to attend to request a repetition. The program will be the same as was heard last week, and the people of the place are earnestly requested to turn out for the second time to encourage the children.

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